

The Oliva U3A VOICE

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I hope everyone is enjoying the lovely weather we are having at present and I am sure we all hope it continues. With outdoor activities on the priority list why not check out our Group pages where you will find a group/activity to suit you.

I would draw your attention to the La Rioja trip in May, if you wish to experience a short break with a difference or the Mediterranean Cruise in October, a first for Oliva U3A, check out the trip registration section on our website, [click here](#) for La Rioja, or [click here](#) for the Cruise.

In May our travel team have arranged a day trip to the Albufera & a local Valencia Chocolate Factory. When the registration is available please book early to avoid disappointment.

On behalf of your committee I wish everyone a Happy and Enjoyable Easter but please do not eat too many Easter Eggs.



APRIL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at the Polivalent ([directions](#)) on

Thursday 27th of April.

The doors will open at 10.30am with the meeting starting at 11.00am

The presenter for this meeting will be :-

Pablo Faus. our U3A Auditor

The title of the presentation is:-

"Dorothy, you are not in Kansas any more".

This will be a brief guide to Spanish Taxation.

Pablo will talk about the differences between being a tax resident and non-resident, regarding obligations to submit forms, which assets and revenues and how are they taxed.

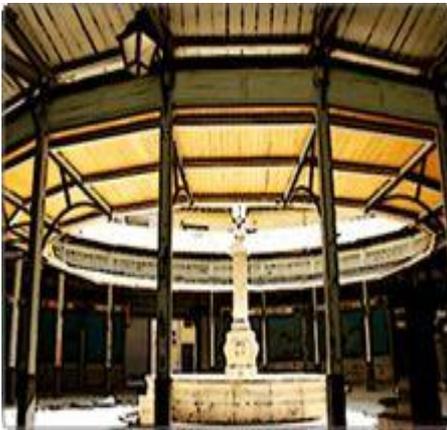
Come and join us as this will be a very interesting morning.

There will be our usual Coffee and Tea available and our books will be back..

VALENCIA

APRIL 20th 2017

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING VISIT TO



VALENCIA'S OLD TOWN AND GO SHOPPING IN THE NEWLY RE-FURBISHED BON AIRE.

FOR FULL DETAILS and to REGISTER

[click here](#)

Time is now very short so if you wish to book this trip please pay by Paypal or Debit/Credit card on our website.



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Albufera and Chocolate Factory Trip.

This trip is being arranged for May and the registration will be open within the next 2 weeks. Our Travel Co-ordinator Alan will send out an email blast to all members advising when this trip is available for you to book.

2017 Short Break



We have arranged an excellent 4 day or 6 day break, you can decide which one you prefer.

This will be to :- La Rioja- Ribera Duero in Castilla

[click here](#) for more information and to register.

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The beauty on our doorstep.

sent in by Wilma Taggart



Within one hour's drive from Oliva is the pretty mountain village of Castell de Castells. It is surrounded by beautiful mountains offering a plethora of walking routes of different levels. Els Arcs (the arches) is the name of an unusual rock formation, at 456 m elevation and worth the climb. The short route there is only 2.5 hours however that can be increased by choosing a different path. Another longer walk to El Castellet, level medium, can reward you with stunning views towards the valley of Guadalest, from its 1015 m altitude.

Castell de Castells has a few options for accommodation. The 2* Hotel Rural Serrella receives excellent reviews on Trip Advisor and provided our walking group with superb breakfasts and evening meals. It can accommodate up to 40 guests and offers discounts for groups.

The local Ethnographic Museum merits a visit, exhibiting an old house as it was in the early 20th century. During the Spanish Civil War three priests were hidden there for seven months before being found and executed.



On returning to Oliva it is worth taking the slightly longer route to enjoy the quaint villages and picturesque scenery along the CV 720 and CV 700.

Enjoy exploring!

2017 CRUISE



This Cruise will leave the Port of Valencia on
October the 5th 2017.

The duration is 7/8 days on the
MSC Splendida.

Please [click here](#) for more details and reservation.

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The following is the travel and events plan for the remaining part of 2017.

- April 2017 - Valencia City and Bonaie Shopping Centre
- May 2017 - Albufera & local Valencia Chocolate Factory
- May 2017 - 4 or 6 day to Rioja & Ribera del Duero.
- May 25th 2017 - Our AGM, at the Polivalent.



U3A Oliva at the Fallas

42 members and guests of Oliva U3A had a long day out in Valencia on Friday. We were packed like sardines in the Town Hall square for the mascleta, then after escaping the crush we saw the endless procession of Falleros bringing their flower offerings to the statue of the Virgen Mary. Walking round, we saw many of the Fallas models, including the very unusual rocket in the main square. Mrs May was featured on a sinking ship with rats leaping overboard! As the evening darkened all the decorations lit up in the city, a beautiful sight. It was an exhausting but memorable.

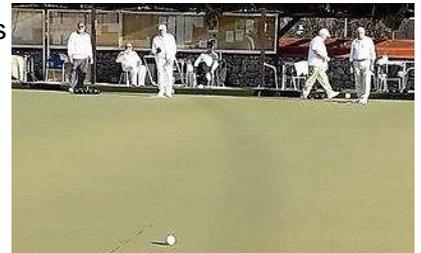
Report by Tina Bellenie

Group Information

Bowls Group

Group Leader Trevor Perks

I thought it was a timely reminder to all U3A members, that this group which has now been running for six months and has successfully bedded down with members enjoying great games twice a month. We play at El Cid Bowls Club in Benidoleig which is about 20 minutes from Oliva and is a very friendly club, which boasts a swimming pool lovely terraces bar and a restaurant serving mainly English food, good for any partners who do not want to play.



We still have room for more members whether you have played before or never picked up a wood in your life, coaching is available for new players and we are a very friendly group who will help any new members to get started. Equipment is available from the bowls club.

As with all U3A groups we play bowls for enjoyment and do not get too wrapped up in stringent rules which we apply flexible. So if you fancy giving it a go please contact the group leader Trevor Perks for further details, [Click here](#)

Golf Group

A message from Philip Radford Group Leader for Golf.



Hi All

However good (or think!) we are, everyone needs some help with aspects of our game at times. Paul Tolley is the resident professional golfer at Oliva Nova and has been teaching there for the past fourteen years. I have been speaking to him about giving Oliva U3A lessons and we've come up with a proposal.

First of all we need a minimum of five and a maximum of ten players who are willing to sign up for six, one-hour lessons. My thoughts are that we may need two or more distinct groups depending on numbers. One for beginners and 'rusty' players who want a structured programme. The other group for those who need specific help - i.e. putting, playing out of sand, playing the percentage game etc. You can decide what you want him to teach. THE COST FOR SIX LESSONS IS 60 Euros! Paul usually charges 45 Euros an hour! There are one or two extra benefits - after lessons we can play the five-hole pitch and putt course for 10 Euros instead of 13 Euros and we can use the practice area at any time it's open at no cost.

THIS IS A GREAT DEAL and I'm sure many of you will want to take up this offer which will start as soon as possible. In the first instance, I will co-ordinate names, times and groupings. It's down to you to email me with the days and times that suit you best. We are talking here about Tuesdays at 4pm; Thursdays - (with U3A Denia) at 3pm and Fridays, also at 3pm.



For more details about the Group please [click here](#).

Biography of our New Group Leader for Crafts.

Mandy Jeffrey

I started beading in 2012. Having left the UK on our 38ft sailing yacht



and arrived in the Caribbean, I felt I needed a hobby, and a hobby that didn't require much space or special equipment.

I love arts and crafts and had tried a few things which didn't hold my interest for long. I bought my first 'beginners bead kit online and I was hooked!



We have recently moved to Monte Pego and set down land roots, and have expanded my studio space! I am always looking at new twists on my jewellery making.

For full information about the Craft group please [click here](#)



Line Dancing Group Report



Joint Group Leaders Betty Dean and Paddy Colcombe

We held another successful charity Line Dance Evening on the 25th March, this was a complete sell out. On the evening we raised €364 for the Make a Smile Charity. The event was held at the El Cid Bowls Club where we had lots of fun and everyone enjoyed the excellent food.

The Line Dancers from Oliva U3A would like to thank everyone for their support on the evening,

We will be holding our next charity Line Dancing Evening in September, anyone interested in joining us for another enjoyable evening please contact me Betty Dean on [962808479](tel:962808479) or Paddy Colcombe on [962893206](tel:962893206).

For full information about our Oliva U3A Line Dancing Group please [click here](#).



Oliva U3A donation to the Make a Smile charity.



Making a Difference
in our Community

Members of Oliva U3A were pleased to visit the Make a Smile charity farm on Thursday, March 16th. On this occasion Lynda from Oliva presented Tony Grande with a cheque for €635, which were the proceeds of a raffle held at the U3A Christmas party. He was also given €375, which was raised at the recent U3A Choir Concert, in addition a €50 donation from an anonymous donor was also handed over. We also delivered a variety of miscellaneous items to help them raise even more money to benefit the children in their care.

2017-2018 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

NOMINATION FORMS FOR PROSPECTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO DOWNLOAD.

THE NEW COMMITTEE, WILL BE ELECTED AT OUR A.G.M. ON THURSDAY MAY 25th 2017.

I wish to here from any member who would like to join the committee to help ensure a successful future for our organisations. We are especially interested in welcoming more ladies onto the committee.

Please call me on [634453459](tel:634453459) or email me at :- vice-president@u3a-oliva.org

I am waiting for your call or email.

Alternatively [click here](#) for full information and to download a Nomination form

Make a Smile Spring Events.



To view the Make a Smile Charities spring event please [click here](#) you will be taken to their list of planned events. (please wait while the PDF page loads)

Thank you for reading this our April issue, our next edition will be with you on the 15th of May.

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed an item to the edition.

Any questions, queries or suggestions please send them to me Mick Goy.

at :- vice-president@u3a-oliva.org before the 8th of the month.